

# Colonel Richard D. Heyward

## Chief of Staff

### Center for Initial Military Training

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Colonel Richard D. Heyward graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1987 and received his commission as an Infantry officer after attending OCS in 1989. His military education includes the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint and Combined Warfighting School and the Army War College.

His company grade assignments include serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Anti-tank Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in 1-14<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Battalion Assistant S3 and Charlie Company Commander, 1-505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and Brigade S-4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Panama. Platoon and Battalion Tactical Operations Center Observer Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center; Delta Troop Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion (OPFOR) and Operations Team Chief, Plans EMC, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Following Command and General Staff College he served as Battalion S3 and Battalion Executive Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) and Brigade S3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks Hawaii and Iraq. Operations Officer and Task Force Ramadi Chief of Operations, Core Element Bravo, Standing Joint Force Headquarters, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia and Iraq. Squadron Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, 4<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, WA and Iraq.

His principle staff assignments include Special Assistant to the Director Army Staff, Executive Communications and Control; Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff Army, Chiefs Planning Group; 18<sup>th</sup> Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Transition Team; Special Assistant to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chairman's Action Group, Pentagon, Washington D.C. Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, United States Army Japan and I Corps Forward and Deputy Commander United States Army Japan, Camp Zama, Japan.

COL Heyward's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster. He has also authorized to wear the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat and Expert Infantry Badges, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

COL Heyward holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physiology from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Arts Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

